1   Claim 3 (amended). The method according to <u>claim 1 or 2</u> [any one of the preceding

2   claims] wherein:

3   said network is an Internet Protocol network;

4   said documents are hyper text markup language (HTML) documents; <u>and,</u>

5   said one or plurality of server systems are Web servers;

1   Claim 4 (amended). The method according to <u>claim 1 or 2</u> [any one of the preceding

2   claims] wherein the geographic coordinates of the geographic location described or

     referenced in the document are:

4   bi-dimensional and [preferably] expressed in term of longitude and latitude; or

5   three-dimensional and [preferably] expressed in term of longitude, [longitude] <u>latitude</u>

6   and altitude.

     Claim 5 (amended). The method according to <u>claim 1 or 2</u> [any one of the preceding

2   claims] wherein said step of encoding geographic coordinates of the location described

3   or referenced in the document in a geographic address (gURL) comprises the further

4   step of:

5   computing absolute geographic coordinates (X,Y) of said location wherein:

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7   the absolute longitude X is the length [in meters] of the arc of the terrestrial

8   parallel that goes from the Greenwich meridian to said location in <u>a</u> clockwise

9   direction; and<u>,</u>

10   the absolute latitude Y is the length [in meters] of the arc of terrestrial meridian

11   from the North Pole to said location.

12   including said absolute geographic coordinates (X,Y) in said geographic address

13   (gURL).

1   Claim 6 (amended). A server system comprising means adapted for carrying out the

2   method according to claim 1 or 2 [any one of the preceding claims].

1   Claim 7 (amended). A computer readable medium comprising instructions adapted for

2   carrying out the method according to claim 1 or 2 [any one of preceding claims 1 to 5].

Claim 11 (amended).   The method according to claim 8 or 9 [any one of claims 8 to 11]
wherein the geographic coordinates of the geographic location descried or referenced
in the document are:

4   bi-dimensional and [preferably] expressed in terms of longitude and latitude; or,

5   three-dimensional and [preferably] expressed in terms of longitude, [longitude] latitude
6   and altitude.

1   Claim 12 (amended). The document according to claim 8 or 9 [any one of claims 8 to

2   10] wherein said encoded geographic coordinates of the geographic location include[s]:

3   absolute geographic coordinates (X,Y) of said location wherein:

4   the absolute longitude X is the length [in meters] of the arc of the terrestrial

5   parallel that goes from the Greenwich meridian to said location in a clockwise

6   direction; and,

7   the absolute latitude Y is the length [in meters] of the arc of terrestrial meridian

8   from the North Pole to said location.

1   Claim 13 (amended). A method in a client system for searching documents according

2   to claim 8 or 9 [claims 8 to 12] in a network comprising one or a plurality of server

3   systems, said method comprising the steps of:

4   specifying a reference point;

5   determining geographic coordinates of said reference point;

6   encoding said geographic coordinates in a geographic address (gURL);

7   searching on the one or plurality of server systems for documents tagged with said

8   geographic address (gURL).

1   Claim 15 (amended).   The method according to [any one of claims] claim 13 [to 14]

2   comprising the further steps of:

3   specifying a geographic area around the reference point;

4   determining geographic coordinates of said geographic area;

5   encoding said geographic coordinates in a fuzzy geographic address;

6   searching on the one or plurality of server systems, for documents tagged with a

7   geographic address corresponding to a geographic location within the geographic area.

1   16 (amended). The method according to [any one of claims] claim 13 [to 15] wherein

2   said step of encoding geographic coordinates of the reference point in a geographic

3   address (gURL) comprises the further steps of:

4   computing absolute geographic coordinates (X_r, Y_r) of said reference point wherein:

5   the absolute longitude X_r is the length [in meters] of the arc of the terrestrial

6   parallel that goes from th Greenwich meridian to said reference point in <u>a</u>

7   clockwise direction; and_ᴸ

8   the absolute latitude Y_r is the length [in meters] of the arc of <u>the</u> terrestrial

9   meridian from <u>the</u> North Pole to said reference point <u>ᴸ</u> [.]

10   including said absolute geographic coordinates (X_r, Y_r) in said geographic address

11   (gURL).

1   Claim 17 (amended). The method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 13 [to 16]

2   wherein said step of encoding geographic coordinates of a geographic area around a

3   reference point in a fuzzy geographic address comprises the further steps of:

4   computing fuzzy geographic coordinates $[(X^*, Y^*)]$ by replacing a wild card character <u>for</u>

5   one or several of the less significant digits of the absolute geographic coordinates $(X_r,$

6      $Y_r)$ of the reference point, the number of replaced digits depending on the specified

7   geographic area, said wild card character being interpreted as "any trailing string"

8   <u>;and</u>,[.]

9   including said fuzzy geographic coordinates $[(X^*, Y^*)]$ in said fuzzy geographic address.

1   Claim 18 (amended). The method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 13 [to 17]

2   herein said step of specifying a reference point comprises the step of:

3   selecting the reference point on a digital map by means of any pointing device; or

4   specifying the reference point once for all; or

5   measuring the actual position of the client system and suing said actual position as <u>the</u>

6   reference point.

1   Claim 19 (amended). A system, in particular a client system, for carrying out the

2   method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 13 [to 18].

     Claim 20 (amended). A computer readable medium comprising instructions adapted for

2   carrying out the method according to [an one of claims] <u>claim</u> 13 [to 18].

1   Claim 21 (amended). A method in a client system for displaying geographic information

2   comprised in documents according to claims 8 <u>or 9</u> [to 12], said method comprising, for

3   each document, the steps of:

4   retrieving the absolute geographic coordinates from the geographic address tagged on

5   the documents; <u>and,</u>

6   <u>mapping the geographic location according to said absolute geographic coordinates.</u>

1   Claim 23 (amended). The method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 21 [to 22]

2   wherein said step of mapping geographic locations comprises the further step of:

3   defining a scale according to:

4   the absolute geographic coordinates of documents; and/or

5   some reference geographic coordinates and scales.

1   Claim 24 (amended). The method according to [an one of claims] <u>claim</u> 21 [to 23]

2   wherein the step of mapping a geographic location comprises the step of:

3   displaying a sensible icon [, optionally used in association with one or a plurality of
4   geographic attributes,] for:

5   pointing to the absolute geographic coordinates of the geographic location; and,

6   pointing to the network address of the document.

1   Claim 25 (amended). The method according to claim[s] 21 [to 24] comprising the
2   further step of:

3   mapping the reference point.

1   Claim 26 (amended). The method according to claim[s] 21 [to 25] comprising the
2   further steps of:

3   pointing to an icon by means of any pointing device; and

4   accessing the document by means of the network address associated with said icon.

1   Claim 27 (amended). The method according to [any one of the claims] claim 21 [to 26]
2   comprising the further steps of:

3   pointing to an icon by means of any pointing device; and

4   retrieving a minimum information related to the geographic location associated with said
5   icon, said minimum information comprising in particular:

6   a title or name of the geographic location;

7   a short description of said geographic location;

8   geographic coordinates of said geographic location;

9   distance from the reference point to said geographic location[;..].

1 Claim 28 (amended). The method according to <u>claim 24</u> [any one of claims to 27]
2 wherein said step of mapping geographic locations comprises the further step of:

3 displaying said icons on a geographic map with the same scale and reference point that
4 <u>is</u> used to map said sensible icons.

Claim 29 (amended). The method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 21 [to 28]
wherein said step of mapping geographic locations comprises the further step of:

retrieving a geographic map from one or a plurality of server systems; or

storing a geographic map in the client system once for all.

Claim 30 (amended). A system, in particular a client system, for carrying out the
method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 21 [to 29].

1 Claim 31 (amended). A computer readable medium comprising instructions adapted for
2 carrying out the method according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 21 [to 29].

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